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1. MISSION IS DELIGHTED DEPARTMENT WILLING TO ASSIST WITH VISIT OF FIVE MAYORS OF US SECTOR OF BERLIN TO UNITED STATES AND TO PROVIDE SERVICES OF ESCORT-INTERPRETER. WE NOTE IN PASSING THAT THERE APPEARS TO BE SOME CONFUSION ABOUT RESPONSIBILITY FOR THIS VISIT. PROPOSAL FOR VISIT BY MAYORS OF US SECTOR WAS ORIGINALLY MADE BY MAYOR ROTHKEGEL IN LETTER TO GENERAL TICE, FORMER COMMANDER OF BERLIN BRIGADE. AFTER MISSION HAD AGREED TO SUPPORT VISIT ACTION RESPONSIBILITY WAS ASSIGNED TO POLITICAL SECTION. USIS BERLIN HAS BEEN KEPT INFORMED OF PLANS AND EMBASSY BONN HAS BEEN INCLUDED AS INFO ADDRESSEE ON ALL COMMUNICATIONS WITH DEPARTMENT. (BONN IS ALSO PROVIDING LIMITED FINANCIAL SUPPORT FROM OC FUNDS.) WE REALIZE EXCHANGES REQUESTS ARE USUALLY PROCESSED THROUGH COUNTRY CAO. IN THIS CASE HOWEVER, GIVEN NATURE OF PROGRAM AND FUNDING,
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MISSION WOULD SEEM TO BE PROPER ACTION OFFICE.

2. BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION ON FIVE MAYORS MAKING TRIP FOLLOWS:
A. DR. WOLFGANG ROTHKEGEL, GERMAN NATIONAL. DISTRICT MAYOR OF ZEHLENDORF (SINCE MARCH 19, 1971). MEMBER OF CDU. ADDRESS: RATHAUS ZEHLENDORF, KIRCHSTRASSE 1,

BERLIN 37, GERMANY. BORN MARCH 20, 1919 IN BERLIN. STUDIED NATURAL SCIENCES IN BRESLAU; OBTAINED PH.D. FROM TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY , BERLIN. MARRIED: FIVE CHILDREN -- TWO BOYS, THREE GIRLS. UNDERSTANDS AND SPEAKS ENGLISH FAMILIARLY WELL. FROM 1945 TO 1953, DR. ROTHKEGEL WORKED AS A NATURAL SCIENTIST AT SEVERAL BERLIN INSTITUTES. FROM 1953 TO 1959, HE WAS A LECTURER AT ENGINEERING SCHOOL. ROTHKEGEL JOINED CDU IN 1945. IN 1959, HE WAS ELECTED AS ZEHLENDORF COUNCILOR FOR BUILDING AND HOUSING, POSITION HE STILL HOLDS. HE WAS ELECTED DEPUTY MAYOR IN 1965 AND MAYOR IN 1971. HE WAS REELECTED MAYOR IN MAY 1975. DR. ROTHKEGEL WAS AWARDED FEDERAL GERMAN CROSS OF MERIT IN 1968. HE WAS AWARDED US IV GRANT IN 1952/53. ROTHKEGEL'S HOBBIES ARE RIDING AND GARDENING.

B. RUDI PIETSCHKER. GERMAN, NATIONAL, DISTRICT MAYOR OF KREUZBERG (SINCE JANUARY 8, 1975). MEMBER OF SPD. ADDRESS: RATHAUS KREUZBERG, YORCKSTRASSE 4-11, BERLIN 61, GERMANY. BORN JANUARY 24, 1917 IN BERLIN. TRAINED ORIGINALLY AS PRINTER. STUDIED AT PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION ACADEMY AND ATTENDED CLASSES ON POLITICAL AND SOCIAL WORK. MARRIED: 2 SONS. NEITHER SPEAKS NOR UNDERSTANDS ENGLISH. FROM 1948 TO 1953, WORKED WITH YOUTH WELFARE OFFICE IN WILMERSDORF DISTRICT OF BERLIN. YOUTH WORKER IN KREUZBERG, YOUTH WELFARE OFFICE FROM 1953 TO 1963; FROM 1963 TO 1965, HEAD OF THAT OFFICE. ELECTED KREUZBERG DISTRICT COUNCILOR FOR PUBLIC UNCLASSIFIED

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HEALTH IN 1965; RETAINED POST UNTIL 1975. ELECTED MAYOR IN JANUARY 1975 AND COUNCILOR FOR PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION IN MAY 1975. PIETSCHKER JOINED SPD IN 1950. MEMBER OF BERLIN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FROM 1963 TO 1965. MEMBER OF KOETV LABOR UNION SINCE 1948.

C. WILHELM KABUS. GERMAN NATIONAL. DISTRICT MAYOR OF SCHOENEBERG (SINCE MAY 14, 1975). MEMBER OF CDU. ADDRESS: RATHAUS SCHOENEBERG, JOHN-F. KENNEDY PLATZ, BERLIN 62, GERMANY. BORN OCTOBER 11, 1918 IN SILESIA. LOCKSMITH AND ENGINEER BY PROFESSION. MARRIED; THREE CHILDREN. SPEAKS AND UNDERSTANDS LITTLE ENGLISH. KABUS ARRIVED IN BERLIN IN 1945; WORKED SUCCESSIVELY IN ARCHITECT'S OFFICE, CONSTRUCTION EXPERT'S OFFICE AND IN OFFICE OF SENATOR FOR BUILDING AND HOUSING. ELECTED COUNCILOR FOR BUILDING AND HOUSING OF SCHOENEBERG IN 1965; DEPUTY MAYOR OF SCHOENEBERG IN 1971; AND MAYOR 1975. HE IS ALSO COUNCILOR FOR PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION.

KABUS HAS BEEN MEMBER OF CDU SINCE 1956. HE IS ACTIVE CATHOLIC LAYMAN.
D. DR. HEINZ STUECKLEN. GERMAN NATIONAL. DISTRICT MAYOR OF NEUKOELLN (SINCE JUNE 23, 1971). MEMBR OF SPD. ADDRESS: RATHAUS NEUKOELLN, KARL-MARX-STR. 83, BERLIN 44, GERMANY. BORN DECEMBER 23, 1921 IN BERLIN. MEDICAL DOCTOR (UROLOGIST). MARRIED ; TWO CHILDREN -- SON AND DAUGHTER. SPEAKS AND UNDERSTANDS ENGLISH FAIRLY WELL. IN 1946, DR. STUECKLEN RESUMED STUDIES OF MEDICIEN AND PASSED STATE EXAMINATION AT FREE UNIVERSITY OF BERLIN IN 1950. IN 1952, RECEIVED MD AND SPECIALIST DESIGNATION IN UROLOGY. WORKED AT WESTEND HOSPITAL IN BERLIN UNTIL 1959. MEMBER OF STEGLITZ DISTRICT ASSEMBLY FROM 1948 TO 1958. ELECTED NEUKOELLN COUNCILOR FOR PUBLIC HEALTH IN 1959; SERVED UNTIL 1971, WHEN HE WAS

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ELECTED MAYOR AND COUNCILOR FOR PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION. DR. STUECKLEN COLLECTS STAMPS.
E. HELMUT ROTHACKER. GERMAN NATIONAL. DISTRICT MAYOR OF STEGLITZ (SINCE MAY 19, 1971). MEMBER OF CDU. ADDRESS: RATHAUS STEGLITZ, SCHLOSS STRASSE 37, BERLIN 41, GERMAN. BORN ON NOVEMBER 26, 1919 IN BERLIN. STUDIED LAW IN BERLIN. MARRIED; THREE CHILDREN. SPEAKS FLUENT ENGLISH; ALSO FRENCH AND ITALIAN. SUBSEQUENT TO 1945, ROTHACKER WORKED WITH ATTORNEY, PASSED BAR EXAMINATION AND JOINED NEUKOELLN DISTRICT COURT. FROM 1951 TO 1958, HE WAS CHIEF OF LEGAL SECTION OF SENAT DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS. FROM 1958 TO 1962, HE HEADED PERSONAL

OFFICE OF THEN MAYOR OF BERLIN, FRANZ AMREHN.
JOINED CDU IN 1945; ELECTED STEGLITZ COUNCILOR FOR
FINANCE IN 1962; BECAME DEPUTY MAYOR IN 1965.
ELECTED MAYOR IN 1971; REELECTED ON MAY 21, 1975.
IS ALSO COUNCILOR FOR PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION.
HAS WRITTEN NUMBER OF PUBLICATIONS. HOBBIES ARE
LITERATURE AND MUSIC.

3. ADDITIONAL DETAILS ON ITINERARY (INCLUDING ALL
FLIGHT AND HOTEL INFO) BEING PROVIDED BY MAYOR
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ROTHKEGEL. WILL TRANSMIT TO DEPARTMENT AS SOON AS
RECEIVED. MISSION HAS CONFIRMED WITH MAYORS THAT THEY
WILL BE SOLELY RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL RPT ALL THEIR EXPENSES
WE ASSUME, HOWEVER, THAT TRAVEL AND LIVING COSTS
FOR ESCORT-INTERPRETER WILL BE PAID BY DEPARTMENT.
ESCORT-INTERPRETER WILL BE NEEDED FOR ARRIVAL IN
NEW YORK ON APRIL 21 TO DEPARTURE FROM SAN FRANCISCO
FOR BERLIN ON MAY 8. GROUP WILL CONSIST OF FIVE
MAYORS ONLY (PLUS ESCORT-INTERPRETER AFTER ARRIVAL
IN US); NO RPT NO WIVES WILL BE ACCOMPANYING THEM.

4. PROGRAM INFORMATION. ONLY ONE PROGRAM
NEEDED--MAYORS WILL ALWAYS REMAIN TOGETHER AS SINGLE GROUP.
WE LEAVE TO DEPARTMENT IN WHAT CITY FOLLOWING MIGHT
BE ARRANGED: MEET WITH OFFICIALS OF LARGE CITY
BOROUGH (SUCH AS ONE OF NYC BOROUGH) TO DISCUSS
PROBLEMS OF YOUTH (UNEMPLOYMENT, ETC) AND PARTICULARLY
EDUCATION OF YOUNG PEOPLE WHOSE NATIVE LANGUAGE IS NOT ENGLISH
(PUERTO RICAN CHILDREN?). (NOTE: IN NUMBER OF WEST
BERLIN DISTRICTS, PARTICULARLY KREUZBERG,
SUBSTANTIAL PORTION OF POPULATION IS TURKISH WHICH
RAISES NUMBER OF PROBLEMS, AMONG THEM EDUCATIONAL.)
APPROXIMATELY 20 PERCENT OF BERLIN'S POPULATION OF
SLIGHTLY LESS THAN 2 MILLION ARE PERSONS OVER 65
YEARS OF AGE (STATISTICAL AVERAGE BERLINER IS SINGLE
WOMAN IN LATE 40'S). MUCH OF APPROACH TO PROBLEM
OF ELDERLY IS DONE ON OFFICIAL (I.E., DISTRICT
GOVERNMENT) BASIS. MAYOR WOULD LIKE TO SEE HOW
PROGRAMS FOR SENIOR CITIZENS AND ELERLY ARE OPERATED
IN US; PARTICULARLY HOW PRIVATE, VOLUNTEER RESOURCES
ARE UTILIZED. THERE ARE GROWING NUMBER OF CITIZENS
INITIATIVE PROJECTS IN BERLIN, RANGING FROM
ENVIRONMENTALIST OPPOSITION TO POWER PLANT LOCATION
TO VERY SPECIFIC NEIGHBORHOOD ISSUES. MAYORS
ARE INTERESTED IN LEARNING EXTENT TO WHICH THIS IS
PHENOMENON IN US AND HOW MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES
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COPE WITH IT. SINCE NON-URBAN AREA AROUND WEST BERLIN LIES IN GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC, AND HENCE IS NOT AVAILABLE FOR DEVELOPMENT OF BEDROOM COMMUNITIES FOR WEST BERLIN, URBAN RENEWAL IS MORE VITAL AND NECESSARY PART OF MUNICIPAL LIFE HERE THAN PERHAPS IN OTHER CITIES OF COMPARABLE SIZE. GROUP WOULD LIKE TO EXAMINE NUMBER OF URBAN RENEWAL PROJECTS, PARTICULARLY THOSE WHERE INHABITANTS ARE TO BE RETURNED TO DWELLINGS AFTER RENNOVATION OR RECONSTRUCTION. TWO "NEW TOWNS" HAVE BEEN RECONSTRUCTED IN PREVIOUSLY SPARSELY INHABITED PARTS OF BERLIN -- GROPIUSSTADT IN SOUTH-EAST AND MAERKISCHES VIERTEL IN NORTH. MAYORS WOULD LIKE TO VISIT ONE OR MORE AMERICAN "NEW TOWNS" (RESTON, COLUMBIA?) TO SEE HOWE WE HAVE COPED WITH PROBLEMS DEVELOPING SUCH NON-ORGANIC CITIES. BERLIN HAS AN EXCELLENT INTRA-URBAN TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM BUT THE MAYORS BELIEVE THEY CAN ALWAYS LEARN SOMETHING IN THIS AREA AND, THEREFORE, WOULD LIKE TO LOOK AT INTRA-URBAN SYSTEMS IN US (BART IN SAN FRANCISCO?). BECAUSE OF CLOSE PARTNERSHIP RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN EACH OF SIX DISTRICTS OF AMERICAN SECTOR WITH US MILITARY UNIT (TEMPELHOF WITH USAF; NEUKOELLN WITH US ARMY HOSPITAL, ETC.) GROUP WOULD LIKE TO VISIT MILITARY INSTALLATIONS WHERE APPROPRIATE. AS NOTED IN USBERLIN 680, MAYORS PERHAPS MIGHT VISIT WALTER REED ARMY HOSPITAL PARTICULARLY IF LTC FOLDING IS STILL ASSIGNED THERE. FOR PLANNING PURPOSES, BRIGADIER GENERAL R.D. STEVENSON (USA, RETIRED) OF ARLINGTON, TEXAS (FORMER BRIGADE COMMANDER IN BERLIN) HAS INVITED GROUP TO DINNER EVENING OF MAY 3 WHILE THEY ARE VISITING DALLAS AND MAYORS HAVE ACCEPTED. GENERAL STEVENSON MAY BE CONTACTING CU/IVP/V IN THIS REGARD.

5. MAYORS WOULD LIKE TO VISIT GERMAN UN MISSION IN NEW YORK AND GERMAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON. MISSION UNCLASSIFIED

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HAS SUGGESTED, HOWEVER, THAT THOSE VISITS BE ARRANGED THROUGH GERMAN FOREIGN OFFICE. IF THEY ARE ARRANGED PRIOR TO APRIL 8, WE WILL INFORM DEPARTMENT SO THEY CAN BE FACTORED INTO PROGRAM. MISSION HOPES THAT PARTICULARLY DURING WASHINGTON PORTION OF VISIT, MAYORS COULD BE GIVEN OPPORTUNITY OF MEETING BOTH MUNICIPAL AND FEDERAL OFFICIALS. WE THINK THAT BY MEETING WITH SUCH A REPRESENTATIVE

GROUP OF BERLINERS OFFICIALS BOTH INSIDE AND OUTSIDE
DEPARTMENT WOULD HAVE UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY OF LEARNING
ABOUT SITUATION IN BERLIN AT DISTRICT LEVEL, AS WELL AS
REGISTERING U.S. VIEWS AND OPINIONS WITH KEY LEADERS
AMERICAN SECTOR OF THIS DIVIDED CITY.GEORGE

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